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assisted in a still greater degree, is a question I am not at present prepared to discuss. One thing is clear, that the relief given in such places, whether supported by voluntary contributions, or by any species of taxation, should be such as not to encourage idleness. The subject is one on which there is great inducement to enlarge, but I have already occupied too many of your pages. Though I differ from Philopatris in some respects, the difference is not, I believe, a very wide one. He seems to be averse to any measure whatever, partaking of the nature of Poor Laws, because he conceives that it is holding out a premium to idleness and vice ; I am willing, on the other hand, to hope that measures may be devised, not only without such a tendency, but actually encouraging and promoting industry, prudence, foresight, virtue, and cleanliness amongst the poor ; and that those measures might require something more than voluntary contributions to render them effectual. I, however, freely acknowledge, that there are great difficulties in the way, many of which Philopatris has ably pointed out ; and that I have not yet seen any plan which I should think it safe to adopt.

K.

CHANGE OF FEELINGS.

I do not feel as once I felt,
When my young heart was light and free,
And in my breast there only dwelt
The thrilling glow of playful glee.

I do not feel as in that time,
When life around me seemed to throw,
Like morning of some cloudless clime,
Its own rich tints on all below.

That sunny hour no longer shines—
For cares are gathering round me now ;
And, as its cheering light declines,
A dew-chill settles on my brow.

For, oh ! as Memory's eager gaze,
Piercing the closing mist of years,
The dim-discovered past surveys,
And many a fading scene appears—

What feelings, once too fondly warm,
Like ghosts of parted friends arise,
Whose altered look and lifeless form
Flits but in mockery o'er the eyes !

Oh is it thus—that in the chain
Which binds us to existence here,
Those links are first to break in twain,
Which were the brightest and most dear ?

It is—it is : affection's bond,
The joyous hopes of promised bliss,
Each tie of youthful friendship fond,
And love far fonder e'en than this,—

These are the first to fade away—
The first Time's iron hands unbind ;
And what remains so dear as they—
Oh ! what but care remains behind ?

Ambition—honour, linger still ;
But not that sense of fine delight,
Which gave the pulse to pleasure's thrill,
And made e'en rapture shine more bright.

I do not feel as once I felt ;
My heart has lost its gladsome tone ;
And there, where every joy once dwelt,
Now dark despondence dwells alone.

C.